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SUBJ: IDB FINANCING FOR ILO - DESAGUADERO ROAD

1. THE ILO-DESAGUADERO ROAD WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE USED FREQUENTLY BY BOLIVIA ESPECIALLY FOR MINERAL EXPORTS BUT ALSO FOR IMPORTS. PRESENTLY, MANY MINERAL EXPORTS FOLLOW A SLOW AND TORTUROUS ROUTE ACROSS LAKE TITICACA. THE ROAD MIGHT ALSO SERVE TO INCREASE TOURISM TO BOLIVIA; HOWEVER, EMBASSY HAS NO BASIS FOR ASSIGNING PROPORTIONAL BENEFITS BETWEEN BOLIVIA AND PERU.

2. IF SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED BETWEEN BOLIVIA, CHILE AND PERU TO GIVE BOLIVIA AN OUTLET TO THE SEA THEN PORT FACILITIES WOULD LIKELY BE DEVELOPED IN THE BOLIVIAN SECTOR AND CERTAINLY GOOD ROAD CONNECTIONS TO LA PAZ WOULD BE ADDED. IN THIS CASE, THE USAGE OF THE ILO-DESAGUADERO ROAD WOULD DROP OFF CONSIDERABLY. THE LIKLIHOOD OF BOLIVIAN ACCESS TO THE SEA AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEEDED INFRASTRUCTURE TO ALLOW EFFICIENT EXPORT AND IMPORT TO BOLIVIA APPEARS TO BE QUITE A FEW YEARS INTO THE FUTURE. HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN SOME TALK OF A ROAD BETWEEN PATACAMAYA, BOLIVIA AND THE
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AREA NEAR ARICA, CHILE WHICH COULD BE REALIZED APART FROM THE CORRIDOR ISSUE.

3. ACCORDING TO IDB SOURCES, GOB HAS GIVEN LOWER PRIORITY TO A PROJECT TO BUILD A PAVED ROAD BETWEEN RIO SECO AND DESAGUADERO UNTIL AFTER 1978 BECAUSE IF PERUVIANS BEGIN TO BUILD TODAY IT WOULD STILL TAKE AT LEAST TWO YEARS TO

GET TO A POINT WHERE BOLIVIA WOULD HAVE TO BEGIN
CONSTRUCTION TO MAKE CONNECTION ON TIME AT DESAGUADERO.
THERE IS A STRONG POLITICAL ELEMENT INVOLVED WITH THE
ILO-DESAGUADERO AND PATACAMAYA-ARICA ROADS RELATED TO
BOLIVIA'S OUTLET TO THE SEA. PERHAPS GOB FEARS PERU WILL
MAKE ARGUMENT AGAINST CORRIDOR BASED ON GOOD ACCESS TO
PERUVIAN PORTS. IN ANY CASE IT NOW APPEARS PERU WANTS THE
ROAD MORE THAN BOLIVIA.
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